secretary, for the place of chaplain to the English merchants at Lisbon, Mr. Zachary Cradock, afterwards provost of Eton Colledge, and famous for his uncommon genius and learning, and his abilities as a preacher.

In Jan. 1651, he wrote the following letter to Secretary Thurloe, upon his design of publishing some Latin discourses in defence of Christianity against Judaism.[4]

" SIR,

" Having this opportunity offered by Doctour Solater, who desires to waite upon you, upon your kind invitation, which I acquainted him with, I could do no lesse than accompany him with these few lines to present my service to you. I am per-swaded, you will be well satisfied in his ingenuity, when you are acquainted with him. Now I have this opportunity, I shall use the freedom to acquaint you with another busines. I am perswad-,ed by friends to publish some discourses, which I have prepared in Latine, that will be of a polemi-call nature in defense of Christianity against Juda-isme, explaining some cheef places of scripture controverted between the Jewes and us, (as Daniel's prophecy of the 70 weekes, never yet sufficiently cleared and improved) and withali extri-cating many difficulties of chronologic. Which taske I the rather undertake, not onely because it is suitable to my Hebrew profession, and because I have lighted on some Jewish writings upon the argument, as have scarcely ever been seen by any Christians, which would the better inable me fully to confute them ; but also because I conceive it a

*Thurloe's Manuscript Slate Papers, vol. Ixiii. p. *43,*